IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION

Civil Action No. 5:23-CT-3332

JOSHUA A. JOHNSON,	
Plaintiff	REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
v.	BY DEFENDANTS SHERIFF WILLIAM ROGERS, BERNETTA CRAWFORD,
STEADMAN JODY GREENE, in his individual capacity;	TRINA WORLEY, BRANDON GORE, and SCOTT FOWLER
COLUMBUS COUNTY SHERIFF WILLIAM ROGERS, in his official capacity; BERNETTA CRAWFORD, in her	
individual capacity; TRINA WORLEY, in her individual capacity;	
BRANDON GORE, in his individual capacity; MATTHEW PRIDGEN, in his individual capacity;	
SCOTT FOWLER, in his individual capacity; JAMES NOBLES, in his individual	
capacity; IKELA GREEN, in her individual capacity; and RLI INSURANCE COMPANY, in its	
capacity as surety on the Official Bond of the Sheriff of Columbus County,	
Defendants	

NOW COME defendants Columbus County Sheriff William Rogers, Bernetta Crawford, Trina Worley, Brandon Gore, and Scott Fowler, by and through counsel, and, pursuant to the Court's Case Management Order of March 21, 2024 (Doc. No. 22), request that the Court conduct a judicial settlement conference in this case.

Paragraph C.1 of the Case Management Order directed the parties, jointly or individually, to submit to the Court three suggested dates for a judicial settlement conference once the case had proceeded "to a point in which settlement may be most productive[.]" The parties have been engaged in written discovery and will have completed several depositions and disclosed expert witness reports by mid-December. The discovery period will end on March 2, 2025. (Doc. No. 58.) The parties have conferred and believe the case will have proceeded to a point appropriate for a judicial settlement conference by mid-December. The moving defendants submit the following dates that they are available for such a conference and believe all parties are also available on said dates:

- 1. December 20, 2024;
- 2. January 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, and 28, 2025.

Therefore, the moving defendants respectfully request that the Court schedule a judicial settlement conference for one of the above dates.

Respectfully submitted, this 21st day of November, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that he is an attorney at law licensed to practice in the State of North Carolina, is attorney for defendants Columbus County Sheriff William Rogers, Bernetta Crawford, Trina Worley, Brandon Gore, and Scott Flower in this matter, and is a person of such age and discretion as to be competent to serve process.

I hereby certify that on November 21, 2024, I electronically filed the REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE BY DEFENDANTS SHERIFF WILLIAM ROGERS, BERNETTA CRAWFORD, TRINA WORLEY, BRANDON GORE, AND SCOTT FLOWER with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will also send an email notification to the following:

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